

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 01 2015

RE: S.B. No. 524
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING A GRANT TO THE HAWAII COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds as a grant-in-aid to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawaii for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Career Criminal Prosecution Program addresses the issue of career criminals, and the Victim Witness Assistance Program provides information, assistance, and support services to the victims of and witnesses to crimes. These programs provide worthy services to the citizens of the County of Hawaii. However, funding for the programs has been significantly



reduced in recent years. Implementation of this measure provides the necessary resources to protect the public from career criminals and further assures that victims and witnesses are supported through the judicial process.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 as a grant-in-aid for the County of Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and Victim Witness Assistance Program, including the hiring of necessary staff;
- (2) Deleting the appropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.


As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 524, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

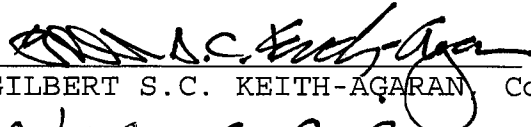
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Co-Chair


LYNN DECOITE, Co-Chair


WILL ESPERO, Chair


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Co-Chair

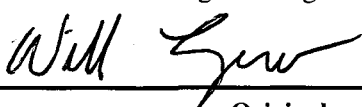
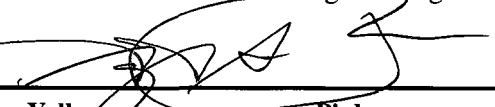

LORRAINE R. INOUE, Co-Chair



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ESPERO, Will, Chr.	/				SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Co-Chr.	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C., Co-Chr.				/	DECOITE, Lynn, Co-Chr.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R., Co-Chr.	/				CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/				MCDERMOTT, Bob				/
SLOM, Sam				/					
TOTAL	3			2	TOTAL	3			1
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
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